

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-98 (Cancelled)

99. (New) A method for generating meter refund indicia data, the method comprising:
providing a secure network between a postage value administrator and a postal service provider;

authenticating a user at a user computer by a server on the secure network, wherein the server comprises a database and a cryptographic module;

accessing meter refund withdrawal software executing on a user computer and transmitting to the server a request for a meter refund using the meter refund withdrawal software;

processing the meter refund request via a meter refund application executing on the secure network at a support personnel computer;

contacting the cryptographic module by the meter refund application;

calculating the meter refund by the cryptographic module;

generating indicia data for the calculated meter refund by the cryptographic module by accessing meter refund information from the database;

transmitting the generated indicia data from a vault t, wherein the vault comprises the server; and

printing the indicia including the indicia data.

100. (New) The method of claim 99, wherein processing the meter refund request allows a meter administrator to initiate the meter refund.

101. (New) The method of claim 99, wherein processing the meter refund request comprises generating reports including a withdrawal request report and a withdrawn meters reports.

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102. (New) The method of claim 99, wherein accessing the meter refund withdrawal software executing on the user computer comprises accessing a GUI to permit the user computer to interact with the server.
103. (New) The method of claim 99, wherein the indicia is printed to an electronic file.
104. (New) The method of claim 99, wherein the indicia is printed to a printer.
105. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for searching for a customer.
106. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for accessing a postage transaction history.
107. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for placing an administrative hold on an account.
108. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for accessing an e-mail history.
109. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for executing a file transfer status and file download.
110. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for executing a file transfer archive search.
111. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for uploading quality assurance envelopes.
112. (New) The method of claim 99, further comprising utilizing code for providing print error credits to a customer.